

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2000-526-G – ORDER NO. 2000-966  
DECEMBER 5, 2000

IN RE: Joint Application of Atmos Energy Corporation and ) ORDER  
Piedmont Natural Gas Company for Authority to ) ESTABLISHING  
Transfer to Piedmont Assets of Atmos' South Carolina ) PREFILING  
Distribution and Transmission Business in Gaffney ) DEADLINES  
and Cherokee Counties, South Carolina. )

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for the purpose of establishing pre-filing deadlines for testimony and exhibits. Pursuant to 26 S.C. Regs. 103-869(C)(Supp.1999), the Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Applicant shall be prefiled on or before **November 29, 2000**, and that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and/or intervenors shall be pre-filed on or before **December 13, 2000**. (Material may be post-marked on these dates.) Also, any rebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be pre-filed on or before **December 19, 2000**, and any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be pre-filed on or before **December 21, 2000**. (Material must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on these dates.) It should be noted that acceptance into the record of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is subject to the discretion of the Commission. In addition, parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and exhibits on all other parties of record as required by the

Commission's Rules and Regulations. All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during any hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

Please take notice that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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